

## FIVE-HOUR KNESSET DEBATE ON PREMIER'S STATEMENT

### Forces in Lebanon know how far they can go, says Rabin

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Premier Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday that "the elements involved in Lebanon" were aware of what moves and conditions would be regarded as "intolerable."

In a Government statement to the Knesset, Mr. Rabin said: "Not one, but several components could combine to have a dangerous significance for our security. These factors include the foreign forces involved and their antagonists; their proximity to our border; their size, composition and the duration of their stay."

"If a new situation emerges, our stand might change. As far as it depends on us, we would obviously prefer that no new reality be created which would obligate us to be active across the border."

Mr. Rabin said during his address — in a five-hour debate — that relations between Israel and the United States had grown closer in the two years he had been in office.

The two governments shared a common view on the way to peace in general and the convening of the Geneva conference in particular — with its original participants only. Both governments sponsored the idea of negotiations on an agreement to end the state of war although nothing had come out of this yet.

Emphasizing the unprecedented magnitude of military and financial aid provided by Washington, Rabin declared: "There has been no

erosion in the attitude of the Administration, Congress or the public in the U.S. towards Israel. Both countries enjoy benefits, in my opinion, from their mutual relationship. It will never be prudent to undermine the gratitude which the people, the Knesset and the Government of Israel feel towards the U.S. for standing at Israel's side."

Soviet policy towards Israel had not improved; it had in fact deteriorated, and hampered progress towards peace. In its increasing efforts to preserve its footholds in the Middle East, the Soviet Union was strengthening its alliance with the most extremist elements, adapting itself to their policies and demands. This reflected itself in Russia's relations with Syria, Iraq, Libya and the terrorists.

It was Russia's insistence on seating the terrorists at Geneva which made it impossible to convene the peace conference. Although the Soviet Union stressed Israel's right to exist, Rabin noted, it still helped the terrorists and tried to consolidate the Arab "refusal front" which barred all progress towards peace.

Rabin devoted considerable time to developments in Lebanon and to the indifference of the world. Thus, the tragedy continued because a conflict of international interests prevented intervention. Israel could not remain indifferent as it was well aware of the threat to its own security interests, and to Middle East stability as a whole, if Lebanon lost its independence to the terrorists and their

allies, or to Syria.

"The elements involved in Lebanon are aware, what moves and conditions would be regarded as a new and intolerable situation by Israel."

Turning to Egypt, Rabin noted the benefit according to that country from the interim agreement in the Sinai, which had enabled it to launch a wide-ranging rehabilitation programme, including the widening of the Suez Canal, the rebuilding of the cities on the canal and the settling of one million Egyptians there.

However, Egyptian spokesmen still joined in hostile propaganda against Israel and Egypt's progress along the political avenue to peace was by no means assured. "We have no guarantee that Egypt will be realistic about an agreement on ending the state of war, or on peace. Regrettably we may have to allow for Egypt backsliding in a dangerous manner," Rabin warned.

Jordan and Syria, former foes, were now allies in a reviving Eastern Front. The question, said Mr. Rabin, was whether Jordan would know where to call a halt in its rapprochement with Syria to avoid its own independence being encroached upon. "Would it know where to call a halt in its adroit political manoeuvres to establish a dialogue with the Soviet Union?"

Israel's policy towards Jordan had not changed, Mr. Rabin said, since Israel did not believe Jordan's declarations about accepting the Rabat Arab Summit resolutions on

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## Ford said ready to agree to transitional aid

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WASHINGTON. — Syndicated columnist Jack Anderson reported yesterday in "The Washington Post" that U.S. President Gerald Ford has quickly agreed to compromise with congressional leaders on transitional quarter funding and is now expected to approve between \$350m. and \$400m. for Israel.

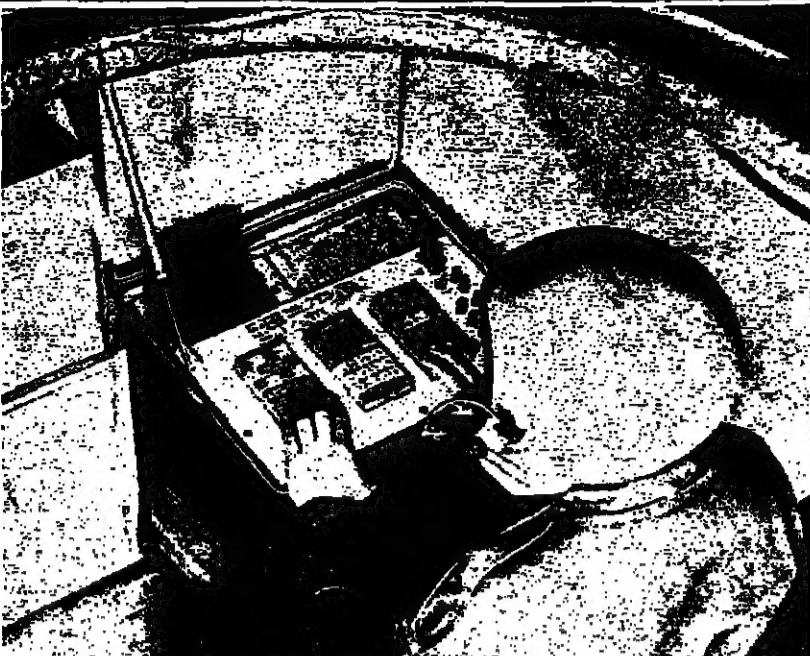
Israel is eligible to receive as much as \$550m. in the extra aid, necessitated by the three-month

gap between July 1 and September 30 during which the Federal Government is shifting its fiscal calendar year. But earlier this year, Ford threatened to veto the pending foreign aid appropriations bill if Congress included the full \$550m. Even before Anderson's column, there were many reports that the President has changed his previous position opposing any transitional funding for Israel and would eventually agree to "split the difference" with Israel's supporters on Capitol Hill.

Yesterday a House of Representatives Senate committee took up the pending foreign aid authorization bill, which was approved by wide margins in the Senate on Monday and in the House earlier this month. Apart from the \$550m. Israel is eligible to receive during the fifth quarter, Israel is slated to receive \$2,200m. in the regular fiscal 1978 year and \$1,800m. in the fiscal 1977 year — approximately half of American's total worldwide foreign aid programme.

Anderson also quoted the Presi-

dent as saying that Israel was currently in a much better military position vis-a-vis the Arabs than before the 1973 war. The columnist said that he had obtained "confidential documents" from the White House meetings on the question of aid to Israel, and minutes from those meetings have the President saying: "We're helping Israel in some very sensitive areas and, if you look at their military situation and shopping list, they're in much better shape than before the Yom Kippur War."



A soldier operates the David artillery computer, developed by Rafael, the armament development authority. Until last week, the existence of the computer was classified information banned for publication by the military censorship. Then, the above picture, as well as photos and information about other hitherto classified items appeared in the American magazine "Aviation Week" as part of a 44-page advertisement supplement to provide information on investment opportunities in Israel for advanced technology. The David computer, according to the advertisement, can provide information within five seconds on 28 targets to six guns in a battery. No tools or tables are required and the price of the David is "a fraction of the price of conventional artillery computers."

## PLO and allies outmanoeuvred

### Syrian advance rolls forward

By ANAN SAFADI  
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The Syrians last night extended their grip on Lebanon after apparently having outmanoeuvred the combined forces of the Palestine Liberation Organization and Moslem leftists.

Unconfirmed reports said that the Syrian advance had rolled as far as Marjayoun, which overlooks Israel's northern border. It is believed that any further southward advance would infringe on Israel's "red line."

Despite PLO-leftist claims, the Syrians appeared to be well established on all fronts without fighting. Indications late last night were that the PLO-leftist camp was negotiating a cease-fire, which was expected to be proclaimed today by Mahmoud Riad, Secretary General of the Arab League, who is in Damascus.

Riad was flown yesterday by a Syrian helicopter to the coastal town of Tyre, north of Beirut for talks with Christian leaders, including outgoing President Suleiman Franjeh. The Secretary General emerged later with an announcement that Franjeh had consented to the dispatch of an inter-Arab peace-keeping force to observe the new cease-fire. Franjeh and other Christian leaders earlier opposed the deployment of such a joint Arab force in Lebanon.

The Christian leaders last night stated that they were coordinating their strategies with Syrian Presi-

dent Hafez Assad. The latter was understood to have reassured them of his determination to pursue the restoration of a sovereign Lebanese regime under President-elect Elias Sarkis, and the restriction of the PLO presence in Lebanon within the framework of the 1969 Cairo accord.

The PLO-leftist alliance yesterday showed the first signs that it was being worn down by the Syrians, who were tightening their grip on major lines of supplies.

Cries from the Cairo-based PLO Radio for a PLO-leftist strike to lift the Syrian sieges of Beirut, Sidon and southeast Lebanon went unheeded. There were reports of only sporadic machine gun fire from the PLO-leftist controlled areas of Beirut.

As leftist appeals for immediate Arab military aid against Syria failed to gain any response, PLO chief Yasser Arafat yesterday called on sympathisers in the Arab world and elsewhere to send volunteers to fight the Syrians.

A U.S. Defence Department spokesman last night said that seven American warships are on station off Lebanon after leaving the area earlier this month. The spokesman gave no explanation for the return of the task force, which had originally sailed to the area to cover the possible evacuation of U.S. citizens.

Force in Lebanon. The helicopter carrier Guadalcanal. An eighth U.S. vessel, the aircraft carrier America, has been in the area for some time.

## U.S. waiting to see how war will end

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. has apparently come to the conclusion that it should await a decisive military outcome in Lebanon before initiating an intensive diplomatic effort to resolve the conflict.

Diplomatic sources also revealed that the next several days would determine whether the approximately 12,500 Syrian soldiers could achieve a military victory, which the U.S. would presumably support.

Meanwhile Secretary of State Kissinger was reported yesterday to share the optimistic assessment of the Director-General of Israel's Foreign Ministry, Shimon Avidan, that Egypt, Jordan and Syria might be ready after a settlement in Lebanon to begin negotiations with Israel leading towards agreements ending the state of war.

American sources told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that Jordanian military forces were now in a state

of full alert, and that the Jordanians were apparently keeping a close watch on developments along the Iraqi-Syrian border.

The State Department spokesman said yesterday that it was "indefatigable and certainly untrue" to say that the U.S. encouraged Syria to intervene militarily in Lebanon.

Spokesman Robert Fumeth was asked to comment on a dispatch from Cairo in the "Washington Post" quoting Arab officials there as saying that the U.S. bears responsibility for the bloodbath in Lebanon. Some Arab sources were reported in the story as saying that Washington conspired with Damascus.

Fumeth said that the U.S. was not consulted by the Syrians before the latest escalation, and that the U.S. did not approve it. The U.S. had repeatedly warned against widening the conflict, and had continued efforts to end the war.

## SADAT IN IRAN ON SIX-DAY VISIT

TEHRAN. — President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and his wife arrived here yesterday for a six-day visit. They were warmly received by the Shah of Iran and Empress Farah.

Arriving for his third visit since he assumed the presidency and Iran-Egypt relations began to

rapidly improve, Sadat was given a 21-gun salute upon his arrival.

The two leaders and their aides today will hold the first round of talks on relations between the two countries, Indian Ocean security, the Middle East crisis and world affairs.

## Price index up again

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The consumer price index rose by 2.1 per cent in May (8.3 points) to reach 397.8 points, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday.

The main cause was the 6.5 per cent increase in the prices of fruits and vegetables. The price of potatoes increased by 21 per cent, lettuce by 10 per cent and grapefruit by 18 per cent. This month, however, the prices of fruit and vegetables are expected to decline.

The prices of clothes also increased by 5.5 per cent, following an 11 per cent increase in April. Most other items in the index increased by about 2 per cent.

The wholesale price index of local industrial output rose by 2.1 per cent and a similar increase was recorded in the index of agricultural production costs.

The consumer price index has risen by 14.2 per cent since January.

## Civil servants take their summer hours

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Civil servants left their offices one hour earlier yesterday as summer working hours went into effect. But the Histadrut Trade Union Department urged they return to full work on the first of September rather than on the 27th, as provided in the labour contract.

The Treasury had called for the abolition of summer hours as part of its drive to ensure that production workers were no worse off than white-collar employees, but the unions of civil servants and the unions of clerks rejected the Government's plea.

At a meeting of the Histadrut Trade Union Department it was argued that the output of clerks would not increase by their staying in their offices another hour a day. If the Government really wanted to save money it should see to it that clerks worked during office hours, trade unionists argued. At the same time the department acknowledged that abolishing summer hours would have an important economic impact at a time of economic stress. Consequently the department said it would welcome agreements between works committees and managements to cancel this privilege (as well as returning to full work on September 1).

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## Begin charges government is pretending it has peace plan

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Likud leader Menachem Begin, opening the Knesset debate on Premier Rabin's statement on the political situation, accused the Government of pulling the wool over the eyes of the public by pretending it had peace plans.

The Alon plan is a thing of the past, Begin declared. In Mapam and in Labour alike, politicians have said openly that there is no chance of the Arabs ever accepting it. Nor would Syria ever agree to giving up the smallest part of the Golan Heights, although the Alignment insists that the future border must not come down off the Heights.

Begin said that the leadership must have more Zionist faith and more trust in the advent of large immigration over the coming generation, and stop worrying in a defeatist manner about the large Arab majority in historic Eretz Yisrael.

He attacked Mapam for "educating youth towards hypocrisy" over the Arab question and claimed that 20 Mapam kibbutzim held lands formerly owned by Arabs who had fled to other parts of Israel in 1948.

Like and falsehood," shouted Mapam's Dov Zakai.

"Moshe Shamir says the same and he belonged to Hashomer Hatzair," somebody shouted from the chamber.

"I too belonged to Hashomer Hatzair once," confessed Begin with a grin, "but I left after my bar mitzvah."

Passions ran high as other speakers on the list took their turn at the microphone. Points covered more often than not departed from a mere rejoinder to Mr. Rabin's remarks and touched upon some of the issues that divide Israel's political parties from each other. Among the comments:

● Meir Talmi (Mapam): We must be flexible. The greatest Zionist manifestation I can think of right now is an official declaration of our readiness to make far-reaching (territorial) concessions to the Arabs ... and this I say, without yielding my belief in the Jews' historic right to Eretz Yisrael.

● Yitzhak Navon (Labour): Menachem Begin is an expert watchmaker. But the trouble is he knows only how to dismantle a watch without knowing how to put it together again. His programme of territorial transference can never bring peace ... Lebanon will never be the same. Regardless of which side prevails, that country will become a confrontation state. This means we will probably have to build more bomb shelters, boost our military strength and maybe even increase our reserve forces. This costs money, and I do not rule out the necessity of re-writing the

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## Jerusalem confused by the Kremlin's policy statement

By DAVID LANDAU  
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Premier Rabin's assertion yesterday that there is "no change for the better in the Soviet Union's attitude to Israel" was the latest in a series of conflicting assessments of Soviet policy by Israel government officials.

The Foreign Ministry alone produced three internal analyses during May, the first hailing a change for the better in Soviet policy, the second denying any such change, and the third seeking again to detect the change. Other government agencies have also published a no-change assessment — and Premier Rabin yesterday appeared, too, to espouse the no-change theory in his Knesset speech (see above).

All the varying assessments based themselves on an official Soviet policy-paper on the Middle East, published by Tass on April 28. Each assessment attempted to interpret this lengthy, and tantalizingly vague text, and deduce from it whether the Kremlin's position on Israel was indeed shifting.

The Soviet paper reiterated Moscow's insistence on Israel's full withdrawal from the areas occupied in 1967 and on the establishment of a Palestinian state. But it held out the prospect for Israel of "peace and security, within recognized borders," once this was achieved.

"(Israel's) young men will no longer be sacrificed on the altar of war," the Soviet paper continued, "and all the inhabitants of Israel will be able to live in security. The State of Israel will gain the opportunity of normalizing its position among the states of the world."

The Soviet paper attacked the U.S. step-by-step approach and implied that Washington was trying to avoid an overall settlement and to sow discord among the Arab countries.

The paper proposed the reconvening of the Geneva Conference in two stages — the first procedural and the second substantive — with the PLO participating in both stages.

The first, optimistic, assessment of the Soviet paper, produced by Foreign Ministry experts on May 1 and cable to top ambassadors abroad, may have influenced UN envoy Chaim Herzog in his conversation with Soviet UN Ambassador Jacob Malik on May 6.

Herzog was sharply criticized for this conversation by Israel's Washington envoy, Simcha Dinitz. Dinitz accused Herzog of taking too soft a line with the Soviet diplomat — a charge which Herzog has denied.

In his report of the conversation with Malik, Herzog wrote to Jerusalem that he had referred to the April 28 policy-paper, saying that it

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## Shemtov visits French Premier

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Israeli Health Minister Victor Shemtov conferred yesterday for over half an hour with French Premier Jacques Chirac. Shemtov is on a three-day official visit to France at the invitation of his French counterpart, Mrs. Simone Veil.

Though sources described Shemtov's call on Chirac as a "courtesy visit" similar to the meeting Mrs. Veil had with Premier Yitzhak Rabin last summer in Israel, it is understood the two men reviewed the entire Middle East situation.

## West Bank threat over VAT

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Arab Chambers of Commerce in the West Bank as well as East Jerusalem yesterday threatened to call an indefinite general strike from July 1 if the Value Added Tax (VAT) is applied in their areas when it goes into force next month.

The Chambers of Commerce said in a message to the authorities, that the imposition of the new tax in areas captured in the 1967 war was in "violation of international law."

VAT is due to be introduced in the West Bank as added "customs," in East Jerusalem it will be applied as VAT.

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## Missile offer to Saudis

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Ford administration has submitted a proposal to Congress to sell Saudi Arabia 1,900 Sidewinder air-to-air missiles, despite a recommendation from the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency that the sale was excessive for legitimate Saudi defence.

Administration officials said that the Saudis need the missiles for their expanding fleet of F-5 fighter planes, which is expected to total 110 by 1978. The Saudis now have 50 F-5's.

The administration bid for the \$50m. sale was submitted to Congress on Friday, and Congress now has 30 calendar days to block the

transaction. Congressional observers said that this was unlikely, despite concern at the magnitude of the sale.

The "New York Times" said yesterday that "together with the recently announced sale of 18 Hawk ground-to-air missile batteries, the proposed purchase of the Sidewinders would give Saudi Arabia one of the most potent air defence systems in the Middle East."

Administration officials also disclosed that 10 Hawk batteries already placed in Saudi Arabia are being manned by American civilian technicians employed by Raytheon, the makers of the missile. Americans would also provide technical assistance for the new Hawks.

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## THE WEATHER

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Yesterday's High-Low	Today's High-Low	Tomorrow's High-Low
Jerusalem 32-14	35-18	38-22
Golan 28-10	30-12	32-15
Nahariya 28-10	30-12	32-15
Safed 28-10	30-12	32-15
Haifa Port 34-21	36-24	38-27
Tiberias 32-18	34-22	36-25
Nazareth 32-18	34-22	36-25
Alona 32-18	34-22	36-25
Shomron 41-24	43-27	45-30
Tel Aviv 31-17	34-20	37-23
B.C. Airport 31-17	34-20	37-23
Jericho 30-16	33-19	36-22
Gaza 31-17	34-20	37-23
Beerseba 31-17	34-20	37-23
Silat 31-17	34-20	37-23
Tiran Straits 32-18	35-21	38-24

## Social and Personal

The Defence Committee of the Swedish Parliament yesterday called on Yitzhak Navon, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

The Danish Ambassador and Mrs. Sven Ebbesen held a reception at their Herziya residence yesterday to mark Danish Constitution Day.

The Ambassador of the Dominican Republic and Mrs. Jose Vilal Nueva tendered a reception last night in Jerusalem, to bid farewell to the correspondent of the Free China News Syndicate and Mrs. Albert T. H. Yeh.

Lord Samuel Fisher of Camden, President of the British Board of Deputies, and Lady Fisher visited Bar-Ilan University this week and were the luncheon guests of the Chancellor, Rabbi Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein.

A group of 16 foreign diplomats yesterday toured the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and lunched at the Beit Shalom Faculty Club with Vice-President Prof. Alex Koyan and several Deans of Faculties.

The diplomats were First and Second Secretaries from the Embassies of Australia, France, Japan, Netherlands, Philippines, Rumania, United Kingdom, United States, and the Federal Republic of Germany.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek on Monday opened an exhibition of arts and crafts by children at Artists House in Rehov Shmuel Hanagid. The exhibition, which includes 200 art objects by school pupils and members of youth clubs, will be open to the public through Monday. The event is part of Jerusalem "Creative Week" for youth, which will include music, art and dance events for children in the city.

Yeshayahu Frishman, who retired from the Ministry of Education and Culture after 40 years of service, was honoured Monday at a reception at Beit Shalom in Jerusalem by Minister Aharon Yadin, Director-General Elad Peled, and other ministry officials.

Benjamin Kaplin will speak on the citrus industry at the Haifa Rotary Club, Not Hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

Dr. Emanuel Sharon, founder of the Urbanology Institute in Haifa, will speak at the Haifa Engineers' Centre at 7 p.m. today. Admission free.

## IN MEMORIAM

The annual memorial meeting in honour of the Navy's war dead was held yesterday in Ashdod. Among the participants were O/C Navy Aluf Binayamin Telem, Chief Rabbi of the Israel Defence Forces, Aluf Moshelel Piron, navy officers and sailors, friends and relatives of the fallen.

## ARRIVALS

Daniel Corzo de la Roca, Guatemala's Labour Minister, for a tour of Labour institutions and Christian holy places, (by El Al).

Jesse Zel Luria, executive editor of "Hadasah Magazine".  
Dr. Virginia Trotter, U.S. Undersecretary of Health, Education and Welfare to address the 13th World Conference of Rehabilitation International.

THE FIRST BABY born at Kadum (a boy), and the settlement's 54th child, was born on Saturday to Dvora and Yossi Artziel. The couple, long active in Gush Emunim, are among founding members of the settlement.

THE WINNING numbers in this week's Lotto draw are: 39 35 29 19 11 02. The additional number was 25.



Roadblock put up yesterday by Rosh Ha'ayin residents.

(IPFA)

Claim football court wronged Rosh Ha'ayin

## Soccer fans put town in siege

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

ROSH HA'AYIN. — Angry young football fans closed off this town yesterday in protest against the decision by the high court of the Football Association which kept Rosh Ha'ayin Hapoel down in League B.

The situation late yesterday was extremely tense, with some youngsters threatening violence and the police prepared to move in if the demonstrators became violent.

The decision to close down the town came late Monday evening when residents heard that Kiryat Ono Hapoel, downgraded by two points earlier in the season after a violent game, had regained the

points after appealing to the association's high court. That pushed Rosh Ha'ayin into League B, and fans compelled the local council to declare three days of "mourning."

They claimed judges had discriminated against the town, populated mainly by Jews from Arab countries.

Yesterday morning the main entrances to the town were blocked off with branches, boulders and tires. Around the entrances were black flags and placards declaring "The judges' fate is death," and "A black is always a black." With in the town, the streets were free of traffic. Buses were kept out, and youngsters strolled about or drank soft drinks at kiosks and coffee houses. Policemen were scattered

about, some chatting with demonstrators.

A spokesman for the Football Association said the decision to "return" Kiryat Ono the two points lost earlier in the season was made by an impartial body, the association's high court, and there was no appeal beyond the court.

Rosh Ha'ayin was a third party and in no way related to the proceedings between the court and Kiryat Ono, he said.

Despite the high court ruling, the head of the local council, Yosef Melamed, travelled to Jerusalem yesterday to meet with members of the Knesset Sports Sub-committee. Unless he returns with positive results, young residents predicted increasing violence.

T.A. Maccabi and J'lem Betar square off

## STATE CUP FINAL TODAY

By PAUL KOHN  
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A capacity crowd of 45,000, including 15,000 Jerusalem fans, are expected at the Ramat Gan stadium today for the State Cup football final between Tel Aviv Maccabi and Jerusalem Betar. The kick-off is at 6 p.m.

As of last night, it was still not known whether the game would be televised live, owing to the refusal of the Tel Aviv team to remove advertisements from their players' shirts.

Never before has such keen and widespread interest been shown in Israel cup final as in today's game between the top clubs of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Education Minister Aharon Yadin will present the trophy to the winning side.

In a curtain-raiser to the match, in a crucial National League contest last Saturday, Tel Aviv Maccabi overcame their opponents in a 2-0 win. The game, however, was on Maccabi's home ground. As Jerusalem players maintain they were caught in an off-form day, their manager, Nissim Bechar, yesterday said his players would be like a new team at Ramat Gan and would show what stuff they were made of. "I want to enter the European inter-toto competition as Israel's holders," he said.

Maccabi manager, Ya'acov Grundman, also expected his side to pull out all the stops and to produce its best football in the final.

Neither side anticipated any team changes over last Saturday's sides. Both sets of players held light train-

ing spells yesterday at the Ramat Gan stadium and have been staying at Tel Aviv and Herzliya hotels in preparation for the contest.

Jerusalem Betar looks stronger in mid-field with Uri Malmilian, Danny Neuman and Victor Levy, while Tel Aviv Maccabi appeared to have the edge in attack, fielding Vicky Peretz, Rahamim Talbi and Benny Tabak, and with a formidable strikers like Dror Barnur on the reservists' bench.

The teams:

Betar: Mizrahi, Rosenblum, Jano, Menashe Cohen, Haham, Victor Levy, Neuman, Malmilian, Ishay, Djerbi, Avrahami.

Maccabi: Elran, Suleiman, Avi Cohen, Nimni, Bello, Oz, Yeffet, Avi Levy, Talbi, Peretz, Tabak.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Ex-intelligence chief now an arms agent

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Aluf (Res.) Eli Ze'ira, who was IDF Intelligence Chief during the Yom Kippur War, is now operating in California as an arms purchasing agent on behalf of Israel.

Gideon Patti (Likud) said this in a question table to Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday.

Patti asked whether the limitations applying to former civil servants who cannot have commercial relations with their former departments for a period of years, are valid with regard to Ze'ira.

He said it seemed improper that Ze'ira, who had been sent abroad to study after the war, should exploit his trip for private enterprise, on the strength of his links in the IDF.

Would the Minister therefore order that the IDF employ other agents instead of Ze'ira, Patti asked. (He told The Jerusalem Post privately that he had received his information from sources in the IDF).

## Debate demanded

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Seventeen members of the Alignment, from Labour and Mapam, yesterday demanded of faction chairman Moshe Werthan to hold a caucus debate on the cuts in children's allowances and on the cancellation of free high school in the ninth grade.

## Youth drowns in Jerusalem pool

A 17-year-old Ashkelon youth drowned Monday evening in the Jerusalem Forest swimming pool after a dive.

Friends noticed that Amnon Yoav failed to surface after the dive, but by the time they located him he was dead. (Item)

## Rotary president

NEW ORLEANS. — W. Jack Davis of Hamilton, Bermuda, yesterday was elected president of Rotary International for 1977-78 at the organization's 67th annual convention.

Last year the Rotary nominating committee put forward the name of a former Nazi, Wolfgang Wick, for president. He withdrew last April after protests from Rotarians in Israel and Scandinavia. (Reuter)

## Ashkelon farmer finds Turkish grenades

ASHKELON. — A World War One arms cache containing some 100 Turkish hand grenades was recently discovered near the Carmel junction, according to Kiryat Gat police.

They said Yigal Gilead, a local farmer, had found 15 grenades while plowing his almond orchard two weeks ago to plant sunflowers. A Kiryat Gat sapper arrived on the scene with a mine detector. Digging down about 70 cm., he discovered the rest of the cache. (Item)

## Talks on shipping rates falter

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Negotiations between representatives of the Continental-Israel Shipping Conference (Coniscon) and the Israeli Shippers' Council over a freight rate increase, have broken down. The two sides, unable to agree on the rise due to take effect on July 1, will refer back to their respective organizations for further orders.

Shippers Council secretary Aryeh Meshulim told The Jerusalem Post that the Coniscon delegation from Germany, joined by executives of conference-member Zim, sought a general 10 per cent rise on all cargoes, imports and exports, on all routes between Israel and northwest Europe. Coniscon is the largest conference serving Israel and its annual freight bill is over IL500m.

The council rejected the demand, claiming it was not justified because the rates had been raised last January and because Israel's economy could not afford such a steep increase. The council made a counter-offer of a 2.5 per cent hike on import freight charges and 1.5 per cent on exports.

Last week the council reached agreement with the British conference on a five per cent rise of freight charges on imports and 2.5 per cent on exports, to take effect on July 1, with the latter also going up to five per cent on November 1. In addition, the British conferences were granted a 2.5 per cent hike on their currency surcharge, to 16 per cent, to compensate for the poor standing of sterling. These increases will raise the freight bills of trade between Britain and Israel by an estimated IL5m. annually.

A third possibility, advanced by a seasoned observer yesterday, is that Mr. Rabbin may indeed agree that some signs of softening are detectable in Moscow's attitude—but as a tactical gambit he resolved yesterday to ignore them, considering them too faint and too inadequate to herald a real change.

Foreign Minister Allon apparently relied on this new assessment when he informed the Cabinet on May 16 that the Soviet paper represented "no change" in Moscow's policy towards Israel.

Since then, however, there has been a re-think in the Foreign Ministry, and some of the Ministry's experts have now produced a third, top-secret, study of Soviet policy in which they contend that there might be a change for the better after all.

The authors of this third assessment state at the outset that theirs is "an academic exercise only" since for policy purposes the Director-General's background briefing is paramount.

Having said this, they proceed to restate the theses posited in the first assessment, backing the arguments with citations from other Soviet documents.

The Soviets, this third assessment notes, seem determined to impress Israel with their potentially positive approach, with the prospect of "normalization" in the future, and with their lack of "prejudices." Their tone in some instances is almost fatherly, chiding rather than lambasting.

Possibly the Prime Minister has not read this third assessment; possibly he has read it but rejects it—and hence his scathing attack on Moscow from the Knesset rostrum yesterday.

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## 'Live' oil found in initial trial pumping at Ashdod II

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Results of the initial trial pumping at the Ashdod Two oil rig this week "are as promising as any since Heletz," according to Yoel Fisher, the national oil company's assistant managing director and chief geologist.

"You might say that this is the first time since (Heletz) Israel's only oil field near Ashkelon, which has been productive since 1965) that we have discovered 'live' oil in the country," he told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

"The oil brought up is of a very good quality. But we still do not know whether it is there in commercial quantities. Verification will depend on the porosity of the oil bearing strata," he said. Fisher would not elaborate beyond stating that the oil found at Ashdod was definitely unrelated to any "Heletz phenomena" and repeated that it was "something entirely new" and highly encouraging as such.

Trial pumping will continue for a fortnight. This will determine the porosity of the oil bearing strata, and also the rate of the flow itself which is being propelled by some underground gas pressure.

The next phase at Ashdod Two will include additional seismic tests to gather data of the various geological strata and complete the mapping of the well. Only then will the 1500 rig now towering over the bore hole be dismantled and transferred to a second site.

Even if the well should prove of commercial value, it will require a substantial number of additional drillings to determine the extent of the underground oil reservoir. By mapping the depth of similar wells in the area and comparing them in the map of Ashdod Two, geologists should be able to determine the slope of the various underground strata and especially of the oil bearing ones. Each successive hole will help pinpoint the most promising sites.

HAIFA. — A public drive to raise IL2m. for the construction of a monument honouring the memory of the six million Jews who perished in the holocaust has been announced here.

Plans call for the monument, in the shape of a column not less than 40 metres high, to be erected in Gan Hashlochan.

The spokesman for City Hall said that a public council would be established for financing the project, but that an "internal committee" in the municipality would be charged with planning the monument. The public and artists will not have any voice in deciding the design and setting of the monument.

The spokesman pointed out that three persons were responsible for the concept of the monument — art adviser Gershon Knispel, garden architect Yosef Zohar and town planner Avraham Columbus. They took into consideration that the public garden in which the monument will be built is surrounded by buildings about 20 metres

high, and that the monument should be seen far out at sea.

The Artists Association here and in Tel Aviv have protested the plans, claiming the proposed monument is inconsistent with public propriety.

A city committee, headed by Likud councillor Dr. Dov Laufer, pointed out there was "no legal, public or moral reason not to abide by the decision of the mayor and deputy mayor to entrust the erection of the monument to the municipal staff." The same committee also rejected a proposal to have several reputable artists participate in a limited competition for the project.

Only city councillor Dr. Gideon Kaminka (Ind. Lib.) dissociated himself from the decision to have the project planned by council members with the assistance of municipal employees.

At the same time as the spokesman announced the public campaign to raise IL2m., he reported the establishment of a city council committee on savings and budget cuts.

## Auto workers compromise

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — The three-month labour dispute at the Ashdod Automotive Industries plant here ended yesterday after an agreement between the Histadrut trade union department and the plant management was approved by the workers.

The strike of 240 workers began when 100 of them scheduled to be fired because of a work slack demanded an increase in their severance pay.

It was also agreed that new wage management and workers will start negotiating a new labour contract.

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We deeply regret to announce the death of

FANNY AZULAY

of Westcliff-on-Sea, England

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Shiva in Westcliff and Giv'atayim.

Husband: Rabbi Haim Joseph David Azulay

(Westcliff)

Sons: Mervyn, (Giv'atayim)

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The consecration of the tombstone of our beloved

BATYA (Annie) LEVINE

will take place tomorrow, Thursday, June 17, 1976

at 4.30 p.m. at the Herzliya Cemetery.

Our heartfelt appreciation to all who expressed their sympathy on our great loss.

S. W. Levine

Avraham and Ruth Nevo

Yosef and Naomi Nevo

## 'Old can give to society'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Many "bed-ridden" elderly patients in long-term nursing care facilities have become so not because of their illnesses but because they are playing the role our society assigns to them.

This is the philosophy which Dr. Faye Abdellah, assistant surgeon-general in the United States Public Health Service, brings to her work — and to the rehabilitation congress now taking place at the Tel Aviv Hilton.

Dr. Abdellah is here also as guest of the Tel Aviv University School of Nursing.



## Peled unveils first overall plan for education

### 'Training more teachers, phasing out matriculation exams'

By MARSHA POMERANTZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first comprehensive plan for elementary and secondary education in Israel was unveiled at a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday by the Director-General of the Ministry of Education and Culture Elad Peled, who headed the two-year planning project. He had presented it formally to Minister Aharon Yarlin earlier in the day.

Peled said the committee's recommendations for the next decade, summarized in a two-volume 477-page report, took into account the present state of education, statistical predictions about the growing student body, the goals of a Jewish Zionist democratic state with a sizeable Arab and Druse minority, and budgetary and political pressures.

The plan would "direct, not just predict" the course of education in the 1980s. Peled saw particular importance in putting forth the project at this time of financial crisis. Many of the changes suggested did not require more money, but changes in attitude and procedures which "are often harder to effect." Large investments are required, but

"if the education system stands still it will be falling back. And if education declines, so does the rest of society," he said.

He detailed some specific proposals:

- Setting up "educational communities." Responsibility for schools would be undertaken more and more by local school boards. In development towns, the local education authority might continue to operate as it does today, but the system in larger cities would be divided into five to 10 decentralized units.
- Phasing out matriculation examinations, which now limit learning more than they guarantee quality education. The ministry would have to coordinate the move with institutions of higher learning, to prevent mishaps like a recent one in which students were excused from certain exams only to find they could not get into university.
- Expanding teacher training, even at the risk of having more than the necessary 15,000-16,000 teachers. A new training institution, the regional comprehensive college, would provide education students with a wider background to enable them to take other jobs if teaching

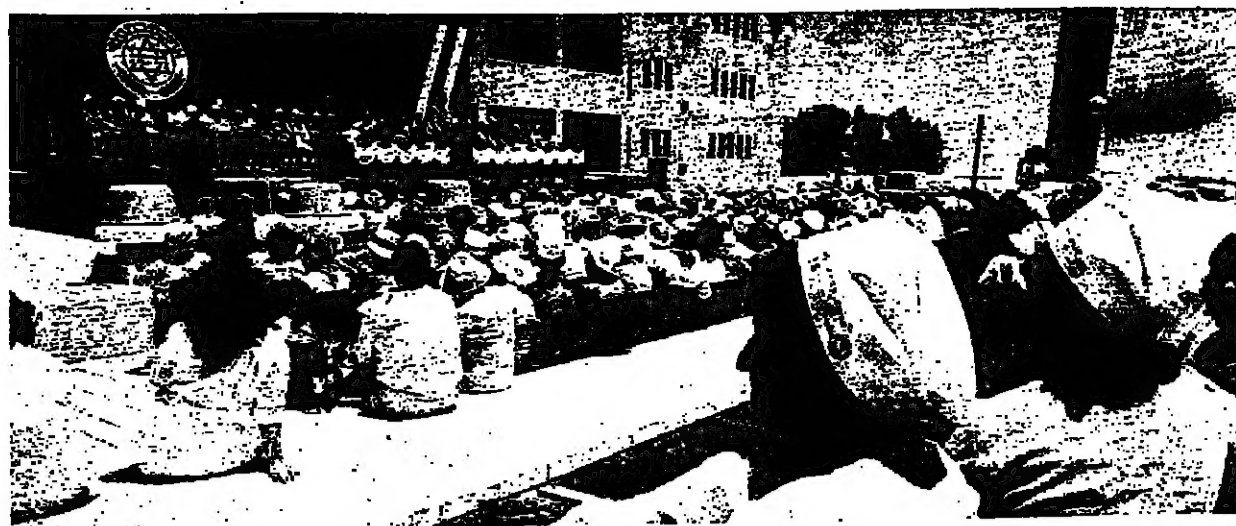
is not available. For the next five years or so only the elementary school populations are expected to grow. An excess of teachers would improve the quality of teaching, Peled said.

- Changing the basic education law (1953) to update the "declaration of intentions" in education. The change would stress a common programme for Jewish, Arab and Druse students, while taking into consideration the individual cultural and social requirements of their communities.

Peled, who is leaving in two weeks for a year of study in New York, said the proposals were still subject to discussion and modification by educators and administrators before they could be implemented. A final report would be issued in one year. The existing Ministry and regional education offices were the mechanism to make the necessary changes, he felt.

He expected more pressure to trim budgets, but said "education must know what it wants" before the bargaining is done.

In answer to a question, he said each copy of the hefty report cost IL20 to produce.



Among those who attended yesterday's dedication of the Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Rehabilitation Pavilion at Hadassah on Mt. Scopus were patients from the department, seen in the foreground of the photograph. (K. Weiss)

## Hadassah opens new Mt. Scopus centre

The Hadassah Medical Organization yesterday dedicated the Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Rehabilitation Pavilion in a ceremony on Mount Scopus in Jerusalem attended by doctors, nurses, and members of the Hadassah Organization and other guests.

Among the speakers was Professor Howard A. Rusk, Head of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine of the New York University Medical Centre. He described some of the technical advances in the field, but pointed out that the greatest achievement in the last 25 years was "the realization that our responsibility for a man does not end when the stitches are taken out or the fever is down." Treating the disabled meant treating the "whole man," he said — his emotional as well as physical adjustment.

Axel Springer, one of the major contributors to the \$7m. building, was unable to attend the ceremony but sent a message through Mayor Teddy Kollek. During the Yom Kippur War, he wrote, he had toured the Sinai battlefields. The impression of the misery created by war prompted him to do something to overcome it. He advertised in Germany for contributions to the project through the Axel Springer Foundation — and 27,964 people responded to the appeal.

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## Peres will look into Levinger prosecution

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Defence Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday he will examine what made the army prosecute Rabbi Moshe Levinger.

A military court on Sunday acquitted Rabbi Levinger, a leader of the Kfarit Arab settlers, of charges he had insulted an army officer and interfered with execution of his duties during the riots in Hebron on March 17.

The Minister will look into the matter since Zerah Warhaftig (NRP) had presented a question on the matter at the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee.

Some MKs yesterday complained charges had been pressed without studying the matter properly. "One should be absolutely convinced of his case before putting a civilian and rabbi before a military court," Warhaftig told *The Jerusalem Post*.

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## Soviet olim protest visit of USSR clergy

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A group of Soviet immigrants has demanded that visits here of clergymen from the USSR be permitted only on a mutual basis.

In a letter to Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the action committee of newcomers from the Soviet Union protests the current visit of a delegation from the Russian Orthodox Church at a time when religious contact with Soviet Jews is restricted in Russia.

The non-partisan action committee includes many well-known olim activists who have come here from the USSR.

Committee chairman Yasha Kazakov has requested that Dr. Raphael point out to the delegation: "that Jews in the Soviet Union are deprived of religious freedom and that Jews the world over should be allowed to help them by supplying religious articles and sending rabbis and cantors to them; that Jews in the USSR are forbidden to learn the original language of the Bible and that delegations representing the Israel Rabbinate should be allowed to visit Prisoners of Zion in Soviet Camps."

## Zim will offer containers from Eilat to Iran

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Zim will inaugurate a container service from Eilat to Iran next month. The company spokesman said a chartered foreign vessel, with a capacity of 160 containers, will operate the service, with sailings every three weeks. The ship will be fitted with her own cranes and not need unloading facilities in the congested Iranian ports.

The ship will compete with a recently inaugurated conventional service, run by the American Star Line company, which is directed by Dr. Yosef Almog.

Zim will launch in July a regular container service from Haifa and Ashdod to Sweden and Denmark, the spokesman announced.

## Doctors sever ties with MDA's Ramat Gan station

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Medical Association plans to set up independent "medical night duty service" throughout the country, following the successful initiation of the service in Ramat Gan where the IMA has severed its relationship with the Magen David Adom station. Kfar Saba probably will get the service next.

This was stated yesterday by Dr. Ram Yishai, chairman of the Association. Additional details were given by Dr. Shimon Erdman, head of the Association's night duty service, and Dr. Miriam Zangen, a night duty doctor.

Dr. Yishai said that last year the supreme coordinating committee for medical services at night, which combines all the leading medical organizations in Israel, had found fault with the Magen David Adom's Ramat Gan station.

The station was manned by two doctors from 7 p.m. to midnight, and one from midnight to 8 a.m. The committee paid a sum for the use of the station and its facilities. However, the station began demanding a IL3 "tax" on every call made by a doctor, plus IL22 for the use of the ambulance. Most doctors make eight to 10 calls a night.

"We charge IL60 for a call before midnight, and IL65 afterwards,"

Dr. Yishai explained. "If we were to meet the demands, the doctor charging IL60 would actually get IL85 for a visit, and after income tax, he would be left with IL15." He said that because MDA refused to budge from its demands, the Association opened its own station at 58 Herzl Street, Ramat Gan, two weeks ago. The telephone number is 723355.

Dr. Yishai added that the doctors formerly employed by Magen David Adom in Ramat Gan had been asked to leave the station. "Refusal to do so will mean that the IMA will take disciplinary action against them," he declared. He added that efforts would be made (after Kfar Saba had its station) to set up stations throughout the country.

Bension Tehan, director-general of MDA in Israel, told *The Jerusalem Post* that even after the overhead "we were running into debt running the stations." He did not think that the fees demanded were exorbitant. Moreover, he said that the medical services given at night by MDA in the past "had been excellent — anyone in Ramat Gan will testify to this — and we will continue to employ doctors and give the same excellent medical help."

## Aliya officials under fire in Knesset hearing

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The need to send officials abroad to encourage aliya was sharply questioned at a hearing of the Knesset Labour Committee on Monday on the performance of Israeli aliya representatives abroad. The discussion took place at the initiative of Knesset Member Genia Cohen, who had proposed a motion for the agenda calling for a revision in the system of sending *shlichim* (emissaries whose task it is to encourage and assist aliya) abroad.

Genia Cohen was severely critical of the training received by *shlichim* before being sent abroad. After 28 years of existence the time has come for the state to establish a special institute for the training of *shlichim*, she said.

She claimed to know from personal experience that a significant proportion of aliya representatives abroad were completely unmotivated as far as the encouragement of aliya was concerned. Official representatives of the state must go out and meet with potential olim instead of mixing only with plutocrats and heads of state at cocktail parties, she said.

Knesset Member Matilda Ghez said that representatives who did not identify with the Zionist idea should be brought home immediately. It would be better to leave the matter of aliya to the personal emotions of Diaspora Jews. Experience has taught that the big waves of aliya weren't brought by *shlichim*, she said.

## Less worry for widows

Widows of civil servants who would rather not remarry than endanger their pension rights would enjoy more freedom of mind under a private member's bill introduced by the NRP's Pinhas Sheshman on Monday.

Today, such widows, though losing their pension upon remarriage, may resume collecting the pay-

ments if the second marriage falls within 24 months.

Under Sheshman's proposed law, the widow would have a five-year period of grace. Thus, even if the second marriage is terminated within 59 months, either by death or divorce, the widow would be entitled to re-apply for her first husband's pension.

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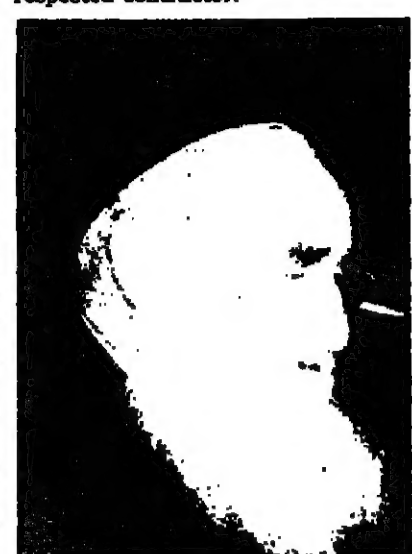
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## Veteran J'lem builder honoured

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A veteran Jerusalem contractor who began his career building flats in the Sanhedria quarter when it was a dangerous border area was last night awarded a prize for the upbuilding of Jerusalem.

"I don't know if I deserve it more than anyone else," said Avraham Trager, an Orthodox, long-time resident of the Capital, "but building Jerusalem is a mitzva. Trager was the sixth person to receive the Pfefferman Prize since it was established in memory of Yosef Pfefferman, a "Distinguished Citizen" of Jerusalem and himself a respected contractor.



Avraham Trager. (K. Weiss)

Trager, who received the prize in the presence of Labour Minister Moshe Baran and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, donated the IL5,000 award plus an equivalent sum of his own to Jerusalem charities.

The award, whose winner is selected by a committee that includes the minister, the mayor, Prof. Benjamin Mazar and contractors, is given to "those who contribute substantially to the building, expansion and beauty of Jerusalem." Among those eligible are architects, contractors and building workers. Previous winners were Moshe Friedberg, Avraham Abir, Zvi Leibovitch, Zvi Batak and Yitzhak Levi.

## MK offended by Druse poet's 'blasphemy'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Knesset Member Meir Cohen (Likud) has lodged a private criminal complaint against Druse poet Samih al-Kassem for publicly reading a "blasphemous" poem at the May Day rally in Nazareth.

Cohen claims that the poem hurt his feelings as a G-d fearing citizen by containing the following passage: "Listen Joshua Bin Nun, did you really stop the sun above the walls of Jericho? To fulfil the will of the murderous G-d? We do not know but this: that the sun ran its course and that it passes over the bodies of men from the Hermon to Sakhnin."

Cohen claims that the law forbids public offences against religious sensibilities.

## Garry Davis expelled, says he'll be back

Jerusalem Post Staff

BEEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Self-styled world citizen Garry Davis was expelled from Israel yesterday after an unsuccessful attempt to enter on his self-made passport.

He left quietly aboard a TWA flight to Paris and New York after telling reporters he planned to return in October.

Davis, who tore up his American passport in 1948 and declared himself a "citizen of the world," arrived here three days ago with a companion on a "World Service Authority" passport, issued by the world government movement which he founded. Immigration authorities told him the document was not recognized and ordered him to leave. Police said passports issued by his movement had been used by people planning terrorist attacks against Israel.

Davis resisted three attempts

to expel him on Monday by threatening "to create trouble aboard the aircraft. He said he had decided to leave peacefully after talking to Middle East peace crusader Abis Nathan who visited him in jail.

"Abis Nathan told me if I refused to go the Israelis would keep me in prison," said Davis. Davis said he planned to pronounce Jerusalem "world territory, because it is the centre of the three main monotheist religions which belong to all of mankind." He said he would be back in October.

The Associated Press reported last night that upon arrival at Paris's De Gaulle Airport, Davis was denied permission to remain on French territory. He was restricted to an airport transit zone while he awaited authorization from the U.S. State Department to travel to the U.S., AP said.

## New Soviet olim group set up own Zionist body

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A protest to mark the sixth anniversary of the beginning of the Soviet crackdown on the Zionist movement is scheduled tomorrow, organized by a new group of Soviet olim — the Organization of Zionists from Russia.

The protest will start at 10 a.m. in front of the Finnish Embassy, continuing until 5 p.m. The demonstrators will then attend a rally at Kikar Machel Yisrael, followed by a rally at Beit B'nai Brith at 6.30 p.m.

It was in the spring of 1970 that the Soviets launched their major series of arrests and searches against Zionist activists, chiefly in Leningrad, Riga and Kiev. The demonstrators will demand the liberation of all prisoners of Zion.

The new organization of 100 active members, according to its leaders, is different from the other organizations of Soviet immigrants in that "it is a direct continuation of the Zionist organization in Russia proper."

"We accept only people who are recommended by three members who

can vouch that they were active in Zionist circles in the USSR," said chairman Victor Boedaslavsky. "Our members must be nonpartisan. People who belong to a Zionist political party, would be represented in the Zionist Congress through that party. We seek representation in the congress on our own. The Zionist movement in the USSR was never split along party lines, and we feel that there should be no politicization in Israel either."

Another one of the organization activists, Alexander Eperin, explained that one of the aims is to deepen the contacts with activists in Russia, "to prevent demoralization there."

He also explained that the organization requires community service and at least 100 hours of volunteer work a year from each member. One example of activities is maintenance of monuments for fallen soldiers. Members also do volunteer work for the Israel Defence Forces and have supplied sports coaches for various organizations. Plans also call for a new moshav in the Rafah area.

## How revaluation can lead to devaluation

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Israel pound was revalued by six per cent by the end of May in comparison with the average rate in 1974 because of the revaluation of the dollar, according to a study of the Foreign Exchange department in the Treasury.

The revaluation figure does not include the impact of the pound's devaluation compared to the dollar. It reflects the change of the dollar vis-a-vis other major currencies. The changes of the pound vis-a-vis the dollar are counted as zero.

The six per cent revaluation of the pound, through its link to the dollar, causes a decline in the profitability of exports. Although the average profitability in 1975 compared to 1974 did not decline, the trend in the end of last year was negative — the pound started a sharp revaluation. The May surge strengthened this trend, which might cause lower profitability during this year and thus lower exports.

On the other side, Treasury officials point to the revival in the world markets which is expected to increase export prices and profitability. The net impact is yet unknown.

Another main cause for the revaluation of the pound was the 24 per cent devaluation of the pound sterling since 1974. About 20 per cent of Israel's exports are in sterling.

The revaluation of about four per cent toward the end of last year was the main consideration for the 10 per cent devaluation in September 1975. The present six per cent revaluation will strengthen the arguments of those officials who also now favour a larger devaluation.

As of tomorrow, the government is permitted to devalue the pound by another two per cent since the 30-day period from the last minimal devaluation has passed.

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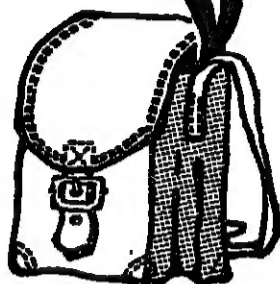
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## Soviet strength worries Nato

BRUSSELS. — U.S. Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and ministers of defence from allied countries dealing with nuclear arms said yesterday they are worried at increases in the military strength of the Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact allies that go beyond what the West needs for defence.

They were concerned, they said, about the effect of those increases on the strategic balance between the East and West, particularly in Europe.

In a communique issued after a two-day meeting the ministers, making up the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's top secret nuclear planning group, expressed broad support of Nato's nuclear defence posture and "agreed on the need to improve the effectiveness of Nato's theatre nuclear forces."

The U.S. has about 7,300 nuclear weapons in Europe for use in war. These are called "theatre weapons" to distinguish them from the big intercontinental missiles. (AP, Reuter)

## Rhodesian racial 'compromise' report angers both sides

SALISBURY. — Black nationalists and white right-wingers yesterday denounced a controversial report urging a new deal for Rhodesia's blacks.

"A monstrous injustice to the white community... appeasement... betrayal" summed up the reaction from the far right.

A black nationalist spokesman said the report did not touch the basic question of the power held by the white minority government. "Oppressed Zimbabweans (Rhodesians) will not be deceived," he said.

There was enormous public interest in the report of the Special Inquiry Commission into Racial Discrimination — soon to be considered by Parliament. Blacks and whites flocked to government offices to buy copies, and by mid-morning all 3,000 had been sold.

Main recommendations in the report are a return to the common voters roll, instead of separate black and white rolls, and major reform of land distribution by which white areas, except residential ones, would be open to ownership by all races.

Prime Minister Ian Smith said on television Monday night that he thought the multi-racial commission's report was balanced and reasonable, although he would challenge a few of its recommendations.

Black nationalists, who demand majority rule, had boycotted the hearings of the commission and said in advance that its findings would be irrelevant.

Max Chigwada, publicity secretary of the external faction of the divided African National Council, said: "Even if the Rhodesian Front government were to implement all the recommendations of the commission of inquiry, it would still not be enough."

"The heart of the matter is the power which enables the Rhodesian Front government to indulge in instituting such inhuman practices as racial discrimination at all."

Len Idonsh, leader of the right-wing Rhodesian National Party, called the report "Smith's normal appeasement" and "a betrayal of white Rhodesians" which would hasten the advent of black rule. (Reuter)

## Japan party crisis over rebels

TOKYO. — A decision by a small group of young reform-minded legislators to bolt from Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party yesterday plunged the party into the biggest crisis in its 20-year history.

Leaders of the party, already racked by an internal power struggle, expressed shock at reports that six of their rank-and-file members would formally quit later this month to form a new conservative party.

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Giuseppe Ambrosio shows the chain by which he was kidnapped bound him to a bed. (UPI telephoto)

## New York letter bomb hurts 4

NEW YORK. — At least 11 letter bombs, one of which exploded and injured four persons here, have been mailed to corporations throughout the U.S. This was announced on Monday by Federal Bureau of Investigation sources, who added that the mailings were part of an extortion plot.

Four women were injured, one seriously, when a device went off in the mail room at the Merrill Lynch stockbrokerage office.

The letter bombs followed extortion letters received earlier, and were accompanied by photos of individual businessmen, warning them to pay or be killed.

An FBI spokesman said he believed the bombs and extortion letters were the work of a mentally deranged individual. (UPI, Reuter)

## U.S. missile price hike denied

WASHINGTON. — Sen. Clifford Case on Monday disputed reports U.S. manufacturers have significantly raised the price of the American Hawk anti-aircraft system, forcing King Hussein into negotiations with the Russians for an equivalent system.

In a radio broadcast aired yesterday, the New Jersey Republican said: "That's sheer nonsense. There has been a lot of misinformation circulated by various officials after the Saudis began resisting the idea that they should pay for a more extensive programme."

"Some of these distorted versions appear designed to put the blame on Congress if the Jordanians actually end up buying equipment from the Russians."

## Uruguay 'back to normal'

MONTEVIDEO. — The new Uruguayan President, Alberto Delmichel, says the country is on its way back to political normalcy after the peaceful weekend overthrow of President Juan Bordaberry.

"This is the beginning of a process of normalcy," the 80-year-old Delmichel said Sunday night in an interview with a Montevideo radio station, his first statement since his installation on Saturday.

He also said there would be a return to the traditional two-party system of Uruguay but indicated that Communism would be excepted, apparently because of the strong anti-Communist feelings of the military.

Delmichel added that another political project would be to re-establish a form of congress with a political chamber for senators and a chamber for labour and business people, whose members would be elected. (AP)

portrayed the philosophy as struggling against totalitarianism. Rubin says the "book was published accidentally" because the totalitarian theme struck too close to the nerve for the keepers of Soviet ideological purity. The publishers of the "heretical" book were reprimanded and Rubin began a descent into academic limbo as an official unpersone, his name blotted out of scholarly journals.

"It is humiliating for Jewish scholars in the Soviet Union, which is developing as a Nazi, anti-Semitic state. I want to live with Jews and among Jews."

Rubin believes the government's decision to relent on his visa may have been provoked by the formation of a group of 11 dissidents, including himself, to monitor Soviet compliance with the 1975 Helsinki agreement. He said this group put authorities in an embarrassing position.

"If they arrest us, that will just prove that they are breaking the agreement," he says. So they are letting some of them go.

Dissident leaders are often the first to be allowed to emigrate. But other leaders emerge to fill their spiritual shoes, he says.

"We rise like phoenix from the ashes. You have such a bird in the West?"

"I began a second life. All meetings and contacts were new," he says of his activities. They included innumerable written appeals, hunger strikes, and, on occasion, arrest by the KGB.

Rubin traces his downfall to the publication of a treatise on ancient Confucianism, a work in which he portrayed the philosophy as struggling against totalitarianism.

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## Kidnapped Italian butcher rescued

ROME. — Police yesterday freed a meat importer whose kidnappers had chained him to a bed in an abandoned girls' boarding school near the Colosseum and threatened to kill him if Rome butchers did not sell beef at one-fourth the normal price.

The bizarre abduction Monday of Giuseppe Ambrosio, 53, by a self-styled "Communist Combat Unit" battling high meat prices ended 27 hours later with a stroke of luck, police said.

Searching the third floor of the four-story building for a robbery suspect, police stumbled upon Ambrosio. He was bound, gagged and chained to an iron bed.

Police said a man and woman escaped through a window. Five hand grenades and some smoke bombs were found in the 18th century building. (UPI)

## BRIEFS

### Fighting in Mauritania

UNITED NATIONS. — Mauritania yesterday complained about an attack on its capital by the Algerian-backed Sahara independence movement, Polisario.

It said mortar fire was directed against the offices and residence of President Mokhtar Ould Daddah and other key targets last Tuesday in a bid to overthrow the government.

Yesterday, Mauritanian radio said that troops had killed some 70 Polisario guerrillas over the weekend in clashes in the north-western region of the country. (Reuter)

### Bangladesh flood toll

DACCA. — Bangladesh said yesterday at least 143 people had died in floods and landslides after the torrential monsoon rain last week. The government said 26 of the victims died when a house collapsed in the tea plantation area of Sylhet and floodwaters swept away 14 people in Noakhali district as they slept in their beds. (Reuter)

Philippine school bombed

MANILA. — A hand grenade lobbed into a school run by American Catholic Nuns, killed seven students and wounded 34 others as classes opened on Monday in the predominantly Moslem town of Datu Plang.

School officials said they couldn't understand the bomber's motive because more than 90 per cent of the students in the Catholic school in Datu Plang, 700 km. south of here, are Moslems. The town is near the scene of frequent armed clashes between government forces and Moslem rebels who have been fighting for self-rule since 1972. (AP)

### Colonel assassinated

BUENOS AIRES. — A retired army colonel who was a former intelligence chief for the government was assassinated on Tuesday by what are presumed to be leftist terrorists.

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NICOSIA. — A Syrian pilot who defected to Iraq called conditions in Syria intolerable, and said there was mounting indignation against the government for its military intervention in Lebanon. This was reported by the official Iraqi News Agency yesterday.

The pilot, Captain Mahmoud Yassin, was received on arrival by Iraqi president Ahmed Hassan Al-Bakr, when the pilot landed at an Iraqi airport in his Soviet-made Mig 23 jet.

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## Syrians welcome in Zahleh — for now

By RICHARD M. BLYSTONE

ZAHLEH, Lebanon. — Syria has drawn rebukes from across the Arab world for sending its troops into Lebanon, but there is nothing but praise in Zahleh, the centre of the country's Christian enclave.

"Before, I didn't like the Syrians," says a voluble French-speaking butcher, leaning on the door of his shop and looking across the vegetable fields of the Bekaa Valley toward the harsh brown mountains where the Syrians came from a week ago.

"Before, the Palestinians were trapping people on the roads and in villages. If you were a Christian — ccccccccc," he draws his finger across his throat.

People in this town of 30,000 say about 200 of their neighbours have died in Lebanon's 16-month civil war. Half a mile away a bullet-pocked mosque marks the last clash between Christian and Moslem extremists 10 days ago.

"President Hafez Assad is a great man," says the butcher. "If he had been around to hear it, that would have warmed the heart of the Syrian information officer herding a band of Western journalists on a strictly limited tour of the now-quiet valley that runs up Lebanon's east flank."

He commands the 500-odd Lebanese troops who remain around the Ryak air base in the valley, sharing security duties with a variety of Syrian-commanded troops in a variety of head-dresses from keffiyehs to tomato-coloured berets.

The green channel that once fed Roman legions is thick with checkpoints, but otherwise there were few signs of the Syrian presence aside from about three dozen tanks and other armoured vehicles guarding intersections or growing up and down the mountain range that separates the valley from the troubled coastal area.

It was there the Syrians went and encountered the first resistance. "We don't see the Syrians much," says a woman in Zahleh. "They settled the trouble and they left."

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## Sex and the disabled

PRECONCEPTIONS about the "right" sexual behaviour, and prejudices which see the disabled as "sexless," do more harm to sex life than the physical handicap per se.

This was the view of both professionals and disabled at the international symposium on sex and the disabled held recently at the Tel Aviv Hilton.

Dr. Emanuel Chigier, who among his many varied activities gives sex counselling to patients in the Neurological Rehabilitation Unit at Tel Hashomer, noted that sex was more a state of mind than of body. Inger Nordquist, chairman of Sweden's committee on sex and the disabled declared that even an elderly sclerotic could still have a happy sex life.

However, there were real physical difficulties in some cases. Dr. Amnon David, a gynaecologist at Tel Hashomer, reported on his study of the survival of marriage between paraplegic men and able-bodied wives. "The fact that only one couple in our sample of over 20 is in the process of getting a divorce doesn't mean the others are happy. There are social pressures against divorce, particularly since most of the men are

By LEALEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

wounded. There is also the factor of the financial security they enjoy."

One of the most important factors contributing to the dissatisfaction of the wives is their inability to become pregnant. Efforts were made to collect sperm from the husbands for artificial insemination, but in most cases, the sperm was not normal.

"It's a true fact that sperm degenerate quickly," said Dr. Ze'ev Hoch of Rambam Hospital, "but quickly means within three months. Within that time we should collect good sperm for deep-freezing so that at least these men can sire their own children. That should help keep these couples together."

A unique experiment in sex education in Israel's only closed ward for seriously disturbed adolescents, was described by Dr. A. Apter, a resident in psychiatry at Omer Psychiatric Hospital. The ward is co-educational, while all other psychiatric wards (for adolescents or adults) keep men and women apart. At one point or another during Dr. Apter's talk, all of us wondered how many pregnancies, or incidences of venereal dis-

ease, occurred in a ward where close proximity between mentally sick boys and girls is heightened by open discussions of sexual topics. (Though the doors to the ward are locked, those which separate the men's and women's living quarters within the ward are not.)

However, during the question and answer period, Dr. Apter assured us there were no pregnancies, and no V.D., as a result of the sex education programme.

"You can't stop sexual activity even if you segregate the sexes," he said. "We have found that all the fears and apprehensions about the sex education programme were unfounded." This despite the fact that some of the participants were girls with hysterical neurotic conditions: i.e., rape fears and other distorted sexual fantasies.

"Some of the group discussions were actually a way to uncover material for therapy," Dr. Apter said. "For instance, in one discussion on love, when a distinction was made between the love of a child for his parents and that of a boy for a girl, one girl asked why she cannot love her father in the same way as she would love her boy friend. That, of course, is the very reason she was hospitalized."

## Kostelanetz goes serious

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Andre Kostelanetz conducting, with Yehudi Menuhin, piano (Binyamin Ha'asmat, Jerusalem — June 15). Lalo: "Le Roi d'Yvetot." Overture: "L'Amour et la Mort" (with Amikam Gurvich, speaker); Khachaturian: Three dances from "Gayane"; Offenbach-Rosenthal: "Gala Parisienne."

ONE TENDS to connect the name of conductor Andre Kostelanetz, like that of Arthur Fiedler, with light classical music of the less sophisticated kind, but this programme turned out to be quite different. Two pieces were meant to be serious compositions but were simply mediocre, one was an appropriate contribution to the American bicentennial, the dances were insignificant, and only the final piece was of the kind the audience probably came to enjoy.

Needless to say, Kostelanetz elicits from the orchestra rich, lively playing and a most competent performance all through. But Lalo's Overture is too long and too uninspired to satisfy, and as for Saint-Saens' Concerto — only young Yehudi Menuhin's tremendous performance helped us to overcome the trivia and empty phrases heaped together by the composer's facile pen.

The Copland "Portrait" is a kind of dramatic commentary set to folkloristically inspired music, Amikam Gurvich read impressively passages from Lincoln's famous speech and as a result the piece was more suitable for a solemn occasion than for a "summer programme." The dances from "Gayane" are simply not symphony material. Only Manuel Rosenthal's highly effective arrangement of the Offenbach tunes opened up the show, and a flood of rich orchestral sound and brilliant playing filled the listener's ears.

## EXPERT PLAY

By GEORGE E. LEVINREW

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TODAY'S DEAL from the recent World Bridge Olympiad is a fairly routine six-spade contract by West, and is easily made by routine play. But the expert sees potential dangers in relying solely on routine.

With any opening lead but a heart, the routine play is simple. Declarer will on a dummy after drawing the outstanding trump and eliminating clubs. He will still have a trump left in dummy. He plays the two high hearts, stuffing a diamond from his hand. He then plays the diamond jack, playing low if South plays low, and the contract is guaranteed.

But what did Franco of the Italian team do after receiving a heart for the opening lead? He could no longer make the standard elimination play. He could, of course, play diamonds directly in an effort to lose only one diamond trick. But could he rely on the distribution of the diamonds?

Here was the expert play. The club ace was cashed and a club was ruffed. The spade jack was overtaken with the queen just in case the nine dropped. In that case there would be an extra trump entry in the dummy which would allow for the standard elimination play. But the nine did not drop. The heart ace was cashed and a diamond discarded by declarer. The last club was ruffed and the outstanding trump was pulled. Now declarer led a low diamond to the jack.

This play might lose if North held a low singleton. If either defender has a singleton honour he must on winning the trick give declarer a ruff and a shift of a low card. If North should hold the king and queen of diamonds he would have no safe return. If South should win the lead of the diamond and return a low diamond, declarer would have the option of playing South for a doubleton, or having had king and queen. It is this kind of expert play by Franco, where he played for the extra chance, that is the hallmark of the bridge champion.

## Capsizing cliches

With prejudice  
Alex Berlyne

MORT SAHL maintains that a girl friend persuaded him to try out as a comedian: "If they understand you, you're home free," she told him, "and if they don't, they'll pretend that it's whimsical humour."

Sahl first appeared at San Francisco's "hungry 1" in 1953. Dressed like a graduate student instead of in the usual stand-up comedian's garb, he read bits from the newspaper he carried, displaying his quite genuine sensitivity and sense of outrage in comments like: "It becomes apparent to me that if you maintain a consistent political opinion, eventually you'll be tried for treason."

To some extent Mort Sahl begat Woody Allen, for the then Alan Stewart Konigsberg who'd been writing gags for other comedians to deliver, was inspired by Sahl's act to become a performer himself. In this he was greatly encouraged by his agents who believed that a percentage of a comic's fee was infinitely preferable to a cut of a gag-writer's income.

BUT THE RESEMBLANCE is only superficial. Woody Allen's hesitant delivery and the minor confusions with which he builds up the characterization of a superhunk are, unlike Sahl's, a carefully prepared part of his act. He is far less political than Sahl, and much more of his material is the standard fare of comics the world over, even though it is heavily disguised by his highly idiosyncratic view of life.

What is similar, however, is Woody Allen's puncturing of fashionable intellectual preoccupations, and the eternal student is as present in his act as in any 19th century Russian novel. In one routine he admits to having been thrown out of NYU in his freshman year. "I cheated on my Metaphysics final," he says. "I looked into the soul of the boy sitting next to me."

The modern master of the old switcheroo maintains that much of his work is autobiographical. The true facts of his life may easily be ascertained from "Woody Allen and His Comedy" by Eric Lax, (Eim Tree Books); it would appear that many of his routines are based on real life incidents, served with a generous seasoning of humorous comment.

His childhood was spent in Flatbush, a district in Brooklyn he would later describe as "the heart of the Old World: their values in life are God and carpeting." In one routine he tells how he was kidnapped and, owing to some incompetent goings on with the ransom note, his parents didn't realize at first that he was missing. When they caught on, they snapped into action immediately — they rented out his room. According to Woody Allen, when the gang was finally jailed they escaped from the chain-gang, "getting by the guards by posing as an immense charm bracelet."

In another contradictory bit of patter about his childhood he maintains that the family was dogged by financial hardship. His parents couldn't afford to get him a dog but



Woody Allen — superhunk.

"a damaged pet shop" finally opened up in the neighbourhood where Flatbush residents "could get a bent pussycat at a discount." Woody got a dog that stuttered: "The cats would give him a tough time and he would go b-b-b-bow-wow."

His grandfather was frequently mentioned in the act. Woody would proudly show the audience his wristwatch. "It has marble inlay. My grandfather, on his deathbed, sold me this watch."

School days were traumatic. He claims he went to a school for emotionally disturbed teachers. "I failed to make the chess team because of my height," he would confess to the audience.

He was married at 19 and the experience provided him with endless gags about the marital condition. "I kept putting my wife under a pedestal," Woody admits. When the unfortunate Harlene sued for divorce she actually cited his routines as defamation of character.

It appears that he was as much a target for the insults and barbs as Mrs. Allen. In one gag he claimed that she was extremely childish. One time he was taking a bath and she came in and sank his boats.

Even the divorce was assimilated into his material. "For a while we considered whether to take a vacation or get a divorce," he confided. "We decided that a trip to Bermuda is over in two weeks but a divorce is something you always have." Harlene continued to appear in his jokes even after the divorce. "She was coming home late at night and she was violated. That's how they put it in the New York papers; she was violated. And they asked me to comment on it. I said, 'Knowing my ex-wife it probably was not a moving violation!'"

Women, along with cowardice and ineptitude are among the main themes of Woody Allen's humour. Sometimes they are mixed together. In "Love and Death," his last film, he is the recipient of an improper advance by a Russian countess. "My room at midnight," she whispers. "Perfect," Woody whispers back. "Will you be there too?"

At other times, notably in his film "What You Always Wanted to Know About Sex," he caricatures sexual liberation. Bisexuality, he has been heard to observe, "immediately

doubles your chances for a date on Saturday night." But even in "What You Always Wanted to Know," there was a sequence, later dropped, where he played a spider and the second Mrs. Allen (Louise Lasser) was the devouring female spider. To distract her from the post-nuptial banquet he tells her about a friend of his, a flea named Leo Braverman, who left his collie to talk to an attractive female flea on a spangle: "Anyhow, when Leo left to get back on his collie, the dog's owners had moved to Europe taking the dog with them. The rest of the details are not important... Leo finally mated a Mexican hairless and died of aneurysm during a hot August."

He claims to be a city boy ("I am two with nature") but even inside the concrete jungle he is alienated, "struck by an almost existential feeling of purposelessness — particularly since the massage parlours closed."

HIS OTHER favourite targets are pedantry, psychiatry, philosophy, Kafka, Ingmar Bergman and Dostoevsky (Woody Allen is the author of "Notes from the Overland," the result of reading a Russian novel and a Weight Watchers magazine on a flight).

Despite the jokes on the subject, he admits to being obsessed with death. A confessed agnostic, he says "I do not believe in an afterlife although I am bringing a change of underwear." Often he looks on the bright side with observations like "Death is one of the few things that can be done as easily lying down."

Nobody working today can capsize a cliché like Woody Allen. His ability to invert a fly-blown phrase and shoot down a stereotype has been compared to Oscar Wilde's way with an epigram.

IVE BEEN STEALING the technique in order to produce updated, sexually-liberated versions of Golden Oldies. So far I've come up with a homosexual ditty: "I'm dancing with tears in my eyes/ 'Cos the girl in my arms is a boy." Inspired by the current fad of bisexual behaviour, I hope to break into the Top Ten with: "Three creepy people, by dawn's early light/And too much in love to say goodnight."

However, I think it may have overstepped the line with: "I dream of Jeannie with the light-brown fur."

## Tribute to America

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MOSHAV BAR GIORA. — Near the upland meadows where David shepherded his flock and the valley where he slew Goliath, and overlooking the battlefield of the Israelites against the Philistines, one million trees will be planted as a tribute to the American conquest of their wilderness.

The American Bicentennial National Park in Israel, covering 4,000 dunams in this area about 25 kms. west of Jerusalem, will be dedicated by President Ephraim Katzir, U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Toot and a personal representative of President Gerald Ford, on July 4.

The Jewish National Fund in the U.S., which initiated the project, and the Keren Kayemet le'Yisrael, which is carrying it out, say the park is "a tribute to the people of America" and a "tangible symbol of the bonds of democracy and friendship that unite the U.S. and the State of Israel."

A log cabin replicas of Lincoln's birthplace, white picket fences that look as though they come from Washington's home in Mt. Vernon, and boulders engraved with Jefferson's sayings will help to give the park an American flavour. These bits of Americana will be joined by exhibits on American history and thought, summer camps for American and Israeli children, hiking trails and recreational facilities for up to 100,000 people.

The camps will be ready in time for the dedication on the 200th an-



Part of the older growth of Jerusalem pine to be incorporated into the new American Bicentennial National Park.

niversary of the Declaration of Independence: work on other facilities and roads will continue until the park's completion in 1978.

"Israel was the first country to have such a project approved by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration," said Aluf Mishne (res.) Yosef Getreuer, head of the American department of Keren Kayemet, on a press tour of the area last week. Funds for the \$8m. park will be collected by the JNF in the U.S. Individual states and communities may contribute as well to establish "nature pockets" in their own name. The site's natural beauty, promised Getreuer, would not be sacrificed by giving in to the temptation to build structures in honour of contributors.

Although the influx of tens of

thousands of campers might have met opposition from residents of neighbouring Mevo Betar, Nes Harim, Bar Giora, Mata and Mahasiya, the project has been welcomed because it promises local development. A 12-km. road to be cut through the barren hills will connect the settlements with Beit Shemesh — the planned regional centre and an important market for their produce. Local residents who haven't enough agricultural land to work will be able to earn money by providing services to the campers.

Keren Kayemet foresters have discovered an easy way to provide shade on terraced hills that will be turned into picnic grounds. The thorny kashaf bush grows tall and spreads its boughs when its lowest branches are trimmed.

## In Memoriam: Viggo Kampman

### Second home at the kibbutz

DENMARK'S Viggo Kampmann, who died a few days ago, was one of Israel's most loyal and understanding friends. Like some other European Social Democratic leaders, Kampmann was intellectually a Zionist, emotionally fascinated by the Jewish people and strongly attracted by the kibbutz. Indeed, kibbutz Neot-Mordechai was his second home and he had a room of his own in this settlement founded by immigrants who had been trained by Danish farmers in the thirties. His first, but by no means last visit to Neot and Israel, was as Denmark's Prime Minister, in 1962.

Kampmann entered politics from the civil service. Unlike most Danish Labour politicians, he was a university graduate, having studied economics and government. From a senior Treasury official he became Minister of Finance, Minister of Foreign Affairs and then Prime Minister.

When for health reasons Kampmann was forced to give up the heavy work-load of the premiership he occupied himself with matters close to his heart: public housing for the Danish working class, and for the sick, the convalescent and the crippled. Supporting Israel, too, became one of Kampmann's major preoccupations after leaving the government. Thus, when the Six Day War

broke out he insisted on a large-scale public fund-raising campaign, which resulted in a record total for Denmark. After the war, he worked for increased tourism, establishing the "Contact Committee" which attracted new types of tourists: students, trade union members, disabled persons and last, but not least, brought groups of pacifists sufferers for the Dead Sea cure.

Israel Square in Copenhagen and Denmark Square in Jerusalem, which Viggo dedicated, are in a way symbols of his unwavering support of this country. Israel has lost a great friend and Denmark one of her great sons.

ESTHER HELLITE

### Druse nurses to work only in home villages

NAHARIYA. — The Druse nurses who have graduated from the Government Hospital here will be employed at the clinics in their respective villages under an agreement between Druse leaders and the Health Ministry. Druse clerics and the heads of the more conservative families have refused permission to their daughters to work in hospitals away from home as this runs counter to their religious beliefs and tradition.

### New born babies benefit from hospital stay

TEL AVIV. — Mothers discharged from maternity wards after 24 hours showed a significantly higher incidence of ailments — as did their babies — than those discharged after four days. This is stated by Dr. Harold Spira and Dr. Ovadia Moaz, of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the Nahariya Government Hospital, on the basis of a research study.

The study encompassed 281 mothers (and their babies) who were discharged during October and November 1973 (during the Yom Kippur War period, when hospital beds were in short supply), and a control group of 289 mothers and their babies discharged after four days of hospitalization during the months of January and February, 1974, when the pressure on hospital beds was much less.

The early-discharged mothers suffered considerably more post-birth bleeding and fever, called upon their doctor for medical help much more frequently than the control group, and often felt worse "subjectively." Moreover, their babies had more cases of infection and were more likely to develop jaundice and breathing troubles.

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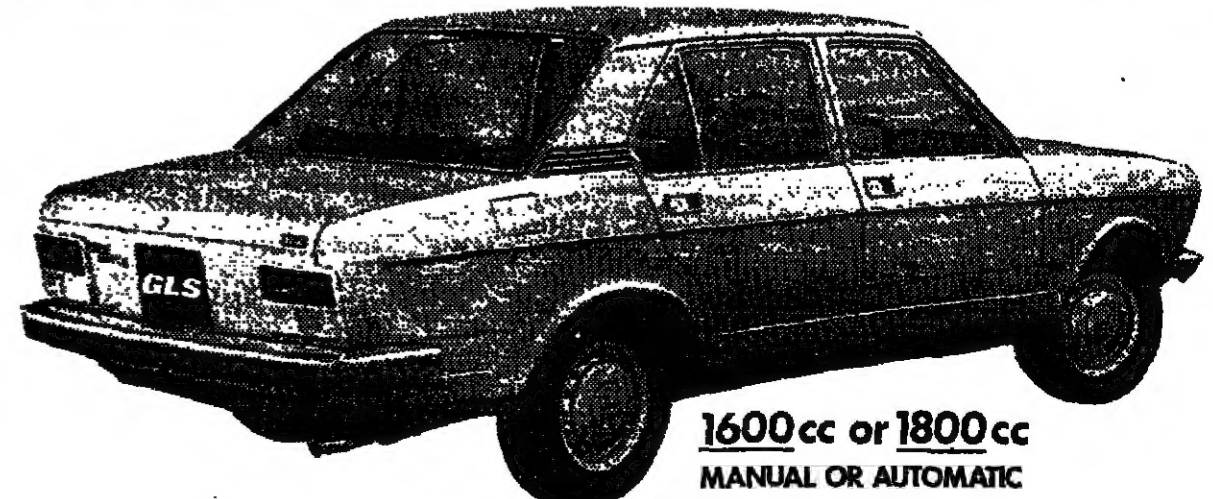
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## HOURS OF CRISIS

IF FINANCE MINISTER Yehoshua Rabinowitz has failed so far to tighten the nation's belt, it is not for want of trying. Cuts in government departments are vigorously contested by each minister because financial retrenchment would genuinely hamper them in implementing the tasks for which they are responsible. The case is different with a modest petition, first presented last December, that Government employees consent to waive their privilege of working only 40 hours a week in the summer instead of the normal 45.

Yet this also was turned down — by the Civil Servants Union and the Clerical Workers Union. The shorter summer week schedule lasts from June 15 to Rosh HaShana (September 24, this year). Trade union chief Uriel Abramovich is ready, as a goodwill gesture, to terminate this privilege on August 31, no more than that.

Some civil servants feel they have a right to dig their heels in. One-third of them were recently forced to sacrifice their special allowance (abolished by the Barkai committee), and think they have done enough. Others, such as the railway workers and postmen, will forfeit overtime pay if the working week is lengthened, so Rabinowitz' suggestion affects their pocket.

But for the majority, it is just a question of putting in an extra hour four days a week and an extra 30 minutes two days a week. If they refuse to do that on grounds of hardship, they plainly do not realize the size of the crisis that the nation faces, nor the real hardships that will ensue if that crisis is not resolved.

Their attitude was different at the time of the Six Day War in 1967. They spontaneously decided then to go on working the full week, despite their contractual right to shorter hours. Today there is a critical situation again, this time in economic form. It is necessary to reduce manpower in the services, so as to release more hands for production. The factories work a 47-hour week, summer and winter alike. The public services have two hours less than that as it is. All they are now bidden to do is stay within that margin all the year round.

If they agree, it will slightly decrease the future recruitment of extra clerks in Government offices. Scopes hold a different view, asserting that an extra hour a day will make no difference to the total work output.

Civil servants should be wary of adopting such an argument. It calls too many things into question.

## The League of untouchables

AFTER A LONG period of virtual invisibility, Lebanon's Moslem Prime Minister Raouf Karami has startlingly re-emerged into the limelight by rushing a special emissary to New York with the urgent assignment of blocking any possible discussion of the Lebanese situation in the UN Security Council.

Mr. Karami is plainly one of those Arab leaders — the overwhelming majority among them — who insist on having dirty Arab linen washed in the Arab courtyard alone, regardless of consequences. His anxiety is perhaps understandable, but it is, regrettably, entirely unfounded.

The idea of having the Council take up the progressive destruction of Lebanon as a sovereign state was indeed raised by Suleiman Franjieh, the President who refuses to vacate his seat for his elected successor, Elias Sarkis, until the country is finally pacified. But it was raised as a mere threat, and an empty threat at that.

The working assumption at the UN these days is that such a debate is completely out of the question, for the simple reason that the Arab League states are opposed to it. All that the UN can do under the circumstances is to have its Secretary-General issue occasional statements deploring "the deteriorating situation" and urging "all parties" to exercise restraint.

Now there is indeed ample Charter sanction for a regional organization attempting to settle disputes among its members before turning to the UN for assistance. But the ultimate responsibility for maintaining world peace nevertheless rests with the world organization, and not with any separate group of countries.

This is theory, of course, but it is solidly established theory, and not even the superpowers have been able to undermine it completely within their respective spheres of hegemony. Thus, despite the Soviet Union's most strenuous objections, Czechoslovakia was able to obtain a hearing from the Security Council back in 1967, before it was trampled down by Soviet tanks.

The only regional organization which has been able to bar any "outside interference" in its own supposedly "internal affairs" is the Arab League. The League's actual record in preventing groups of Arabs from killing and destroying each other mercilessly in Yemen, or Spanish Sahara, or Lebanon, has been perfectly miserable. But this has not materially affected the League's status as politically immune to international criticism or even discussion.

An elaborate facade of self-serving terminology has, moreover, been invented to justify the claim of Arab untouchability — and, in good measure, to uphold Arab rights against those of other nations. Thus territories or even waters which may be the subject of violent conflict among the Arabs themselves, miraculously turn simply "Arab" the moment "outsiders" happen to lay title to them. Then, as in the case of the West Bank or the Gulf of Akaba, the intervention of the world community is actively solicited in defense of the Arab domain.

It should be a foremost task of Israel diplomacy to quash this claim of Arab untouchability before it becomes universally accepted.

## VIEWPOINT

MR. HERMONI'S VIEW is, I suggest, based on a fundamental misconception and, if widely accepted, would represent a direct threat to the survival of the Jewish State. True, Mr. Hermoni is correct in emphasizing the emotional element in the extraordinary growth of the Zionist movement. The concepts of Redemption (*G'ula*), Rebirth (*Tehiya*) Return to Zion (*Shivat Tzion*), of the revival of Hebrew (*Lashon Hakodesh*) as a spoken language — all these have from the first contributed to the movement and made possible its hold on the national psyche. But from here to the assertion that "Zionism is mysticism" the way is long and painful.

No political movement can expect to win a powerful popular following unless it has some admixture of the visionary, the inspirational. But in order to be characterized as "mysticism," a movement must not only draw on emotion; it must be dominated by it, a slave to it. It must put aside considerations of reality, prudence, fact, and throw itself on the mercy of miracles, transcendental forces, Messianic faith. The mass movement of Shabbat Zvi which inspired thousands of Jews in Eastern Europe and elsewhere to throw over everything they possessed in order to reach Eretz Yisrael in time for the Day of Judgment was mysticism. Here the vision reflected an all-consuming passion to be free of the realities of this world. And the result was utterly reckless and, ultimately, self-destructive. Shabbat Zvi has since been universally recognized by us Jews as a false Messiah.

Zionism — its main stream — is not mysticism. When the movement first emerged as Hibbat Tzion in Russia in 1881-82 its founders did not have reason to believe that their goal was utopian. There were less than half a million Arabs living in Palestine at the time. There was already a Jewish settlement of some 25,000. Palestine was a mere geographical entity in the vast Turkish Empire that was eager for

Zionism is mysticism. The vision of the Jews returning to the Samaritan rockhills is of the very stuff of the Zionist vision." So argued Yosef Hermoni, in his article "Haters of Gush Emunim," which appeared on this page on June 6. Not so, asserts JONATHAN FRANKEL. Both Weizmann and Ben-Gurion, who presided over the Zionist effort in its most crucial years, understood that Zionism involves a constant dialogue between idealism and reality.

## How mystical is Zionism?

foreign investment and economic development. What, then, appeared more reasonable than to return the people without a home to a homeland which stood empty and unclaimed?

When it became obvious that what had initially looked straightforward was in fact unbelievably complex and perhaps unattainable the movement did not react according to the mystical pattern. The movement soon opted for what came to be known as "synthetic Zionism" — the gradual development of the Yishuv and the simultaneous pursuit of international diplomacy. Step by step the new society was created — the Jewish National Fund, Rupp's, the Jewish Agency, Ha-Shomer, the Jewish Battalions, the Hagannah, the Palmach, the Jewish Brigade, the Balfour Declaration, the Mandate; one hundred thousand, three hundred thousand, six hundred thousand Jews. After 40 such years, the Jewish State was established.

THE TWO MEN who presided over this effort in its most crucial years were Chaim Weizmann and David Ben-Gurion. They were not advocates of the politics of mysticism. Weizmann took the title "Trial and Error" for his memoirs, and that formula (so close to him as a natural

scientist) summed up his entire political strategy. For his part, Ben-Gurion from the first insisted that politics was the art of the possible, that Zionism involved a constant dialogue between idealism and reality. This was his life-long viewpoint; consciously formulated, tacitly held.

"Every political movement," he said to his party comrades in 1910, "demands sacrifice and dedication from its members. If we have such idealists in our midst that is a wonderful thing. But there is an idealism...which does not take objective reality and material conditions into account. And as life will not bow to that view — those idealists are doomed to end in despair."

But throughout Zionist history there have always been minority groups which pursued the politics of "mysticism" — the dramatic gesture rather than hard-won achievement, flag-waving rather than security, emotion rather than thought. And when the time came to decide, they were overruled.

The majority accepted the 1922 White Paper which removed Trans-Jordan from Mandatory Palestine; the Revisionists rejected it. The majority (led by Weizmann and Ben-Gurion) accepted the partition plan put forward in the Peel Report of 1937, preferring to have a Jewish state in a small part of Palestine at once rather than watch impotently

the rise of Nazism in Europe. Again the Revisionists (and others) were opposed. It was in this period, too, that the Hagana imposed its policy of self-restraint (*Havaga*) in the face of great Arab provocation — again against internal opposition. In 1947 the Zionist movement accepted the UN partition plan. During the War of Independence, Ben-Gurion insisted on the unconditional withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanese and Egyptian territory. He followed a similar policy following the Sinai Campaign — as always in the face of opposition from the maximalists. In 1967 (now in retirement) he came out in favour of returning all Arab territories except the Golan and East Jerusalem in exchange for peace — holding that Jewish settlement should expand in such open areas as the Negev where the Jews could create their own life unhindered by racial strife.

These policies did not accord well with the complacent ideology of national unity which our leaders adopted in the years 1967-73. They were not calculated to win cheap popularity. They are not easily explained to school children, and little attention is given to their true meaning in our schools where Zionism is usually described as a triumphal march from victory to victory rather than as a series of agonizing decisions, any one of which, if miscalculated, could have had irreparable consequences.

National mysticism in politics is a dynamic of its own. It demands "all or nothing" approach and rejects caution as betrayal. But a nation which seeks "all" rather than "something" almost inevitably ends up with nothing. To seek the narrow borders, amalgamation, ethnic, geographic and historical rights — means to arouse maximum opposition both within one's country and outside of it.

THAT IS WHY it is the most passionate nationalists that have done the most to damage the national interests of their people. The National Socialists took the National Socialist mere 13 years to destroy Germany utterly. It took Mussolini little longer to do the same for Italy. The Polish and Balkan nationalists handed their affairs little better. The latest example is the Greek colonels' overthrow of Makarios which resulted not in union with the motherland (a result undeniably predictable by all except those who initiated the coup).

But why look abroad? The Palestine Arab national movement provides a classic example of national mysticism. Pursuing maximalist goals for 60 years, its leaders have always rejected compromise that would have given them concrete gains, opting for rhetorical victories instead. Their policies have always followed the motto "We will not be satisfied until we have led to self-destruction for our people and ourselves" — as in Eretz Yisrael, in Jordan, and now in Lebanon. "Those whom the Lord would destroy they first make mad." Or as the Talmud puts it laconically: "Grasp all, lose all" (*tzafek merubeh — lo tzafek*).

I do not hate Gush Emunim, but do believe that if the state does not treat them for what they are — a fringe group on the periphery of Zionism — we shall all have to pay the penalty, and a very high one may be.

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## PEOPLE AND POLITICS SRAJA SHAPIRO

### 'Agency fails' in Diaspora education

THE LABOUR PARTY leadership has rejected a request that it recognize a special "Circle" in the party that would discuss Israel's relations with the Jewish people. "No real explanation was given, of course," says Knesset Member Esther Herlitz, methodical, clear-thinking, and boundlessly energetic. She would not name the "old-timers" who vetoed the idea.

The problems of our relations with the Diaspora Miss Herlitz maintains, falls between two stools; the Government and the Jewish Agency. "Ben-Gurion was wrong on many points, but he was dead right when he advocated direct contact between the Jewish State and the Jewish People," she says. "We are here for the Jewish people. What else are we here for? But what are we doing for the Jewish people?"

In a recent Knesset debate, she urged that the Government assume responsibility for education in the Diaspora. And Education Minister Aharon Yadin quipped that if action is not taken immediately, the next generation may not need any Jewish education. But the Government can do nothing. Its agreement with the Jewish Agency makes education the Agency's exclusive prerogative. "This is a shame," Miss Herlitz feels. Israel owes it to Jewish parents to

help them keep their children Jewish.

EMISSARIES — *sholim* — are of little help, generally. In the Jewish Agency system, a *sholim* is either a temporary employee nominated by a youth movement, or a professional instructor who can look forward to no recognition for a job well done. In the Foreign Ministry, Miss Herlitz says, a career official knows that his advancement depends on the success of his mission. She has observed this from close quarters, having been an Ambassador herself (to Denmark), after directing the International Department of the Labour Party for many years.

Anyhow, these problems must be aired. Stagnation spells death. But the "veterans" of Zionist politics don't want any fresh air that might disturb age-old relations between factions. "Almost? He can do very little without the politicians who gave him his post. Not before the Zionist Congress, which is due to take place in January."

The rebels do not intend to take the official refusal as final. "If things are to change, it will be the Labour Party who will change them." Indeed, they feel they would be letting the Labour Party down if they allowed political authority to prevent it from doing its duty to the nation.

## READERS' LETTERS

### Dog owners and the law

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Last week an employee of the city of Jerusalem held a piece of chicken laced with strychnine in his gloved hand and coaxed a female dog, wearing a collar, standing on the street by her home door, to come and eat it. Fortunately, a neighbour came to the scene just in time to save the dog's life. Two other domestic dogs on the same street, however, had already been killed in this way and their carcasses loaded onto the city's truck.

This took place in Neve Shanan, a quiet, dead-end street, which has a large number of children and domestic pets playing in an area comparatively free of traffic. No notices had been placed anywhere in the vicinity to warn people that they should keep their pets indoors because the city was out to poison strays. On the contrary, the fact that there was no warning, and that it was a dog with a collar who was being lured, indicates that the city had the desire to spare family pets and concentrate on possibly rabid strays.

Last year in both Mevaseret Zion and the immigrant hostel in Katamon numerous dogs — many beloved family pets — were poisoned in this way, again by the city of Jerusalem. It is easily understandable how painful it must have been to people newly arrived in this country to have their dogs so heartlessly destroyed.

Ringing the panic bell of rabies is not an acceptable reply to this problem. No civilized country arbitrarily poisons domestic, collared, licensed dogs on the street near home. Many alternatives are available. Warnings can be posted. Dogs can be collected and returned from the pound on the payment of a fine. But we have many reached the depths of barbarism if we have a law on the statute books permitting such acts; if the city uses the rights empowered in it ruthlessly; and if the public, aware of this, maintains silence.

Dr. R.B. FRANKEL  
Jerusalem.

The Jerusalem Municipality replies: Sir, — I am surprised by Dr. Frankel's strongly worded letter which ignores the public health aspect of the problem while concentrating on the point of view of the dog lover who cares only for his own convenience.

Since reference is always made to foreign countries when presenting conflicting points of view on matters of public interest, may I point out that dogs are dealt with in Jerusalem in the same way as in New York and Europe, and the claim that we do not follow the example of civilized countries is unfounded.

Municipal employees carry out their job with devotion and in accordance with the law. Paragraph 9a on the control of rabies (1934) is printed in red on every dog's licence and states: "The veterinarian must order the destruction of any dog which is not restricted by a leash and muzzle when on the street." It adds that: "Every dog owner must tie up his animal, see that it is muzzled when it goes out and prevent it from coming into contact with other dogs."

Because of the serious problem caused by the increase of strays in Jerusalem, municipal employees must take drastic action. The municipality has in fact carried out an information campaign aimed at dog owners in the form of announcements in the press in addition to the text printed on the dog's licence, news items on the subject and direct advice either orally or by mail.

Unfortunately, it is easier to complain about the Municipality than make a dog before taking it out for a walk.

With regard to the substance of the problem, may I remind your readers that the rabies virus does not distinguish between a dog running around on the streets with a collar and a "good" home waiting for him, and a stray. The last case of rabies in Jerusalem involved a young house pet, a poodle — with a collar, around his neck, which was running

around about 300 metres from the same absorption centre. I Mevaseret Zion which your reader complains about. I must unfortunately remind your readers of the last tragedy involving rabies when 13-year-old boy died in Jerusalem 5 years ago. It is to prevent recurrence of such a tragedy that we are now doing our utmost.

While we get complaints from dog owners, we get hundreds more from children, grown up and oldsters inconvenienced by dogs wandering all over the place, not to mention those who get bitten. Certainly, the complaints of the minority against dog nuisance carries more weight than the complaints which are due to non-observance of the law.

Dog owners would do well to show some consideration for others and conform with the elementary requirements, thus easing the work of our municipal employees who were forced to destroy 1200 strays in the last few months. Dog owners must realize that having a dog involves obligations, the first of which is consideration for others.

RAFI DEVARA, Spokesman  
Jerusalem.

### EARLS COURT RALLY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — With reference to the Earls Court Solidarity Rally on May 30, I understand that, in a report by Mr. Mark Segal, it was stated that a disturbance was created by a member of Herut.

While we agree with the sentiments expressed by the individuals concerned (a call not to give up the liberated territories), I must make it quite clear that he is not a member of our movement or any of its affiliated organizations, and in fact belongs to another Zionist organization with which we are not connected.

GEORGE EVYING  
General Secretary,  
Herut Movement of Great Britain,  
London.

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## ISRAEL PRESS

HA'ARETZ (Independent) says the proposal of Knesset Member Shulamit Aloni to allow the prime minister to fire a minister does not fit in with our system of coalition government, whereby the prime minister agrees to appointments proposed by the various coalition parties. The drawback in our system lies not in that the prime minister cannot fire ministers, but in that the ruling party, which forms the nucleus of the coalition, is diminished. The paper also maintains that a prime minister who was sure of his standing could still force a resignation, if his party was firmly behind it.

AL HANISHMAR (Mapam) notes that the establishment of the much-needed Ministry of Social Welfare was prevented because the prime minister was unable to shift his present ministers around from one post to another. This was because of resistance within the Labour Party

itself, and on the part of the NRP. A solution, therefore, does not lie in a law to allow the firing of a minister. What is needed is a prime minister with the authority to carry out his programmes. DAVAR (Histadrut) deals with the issue of summer hours for civil servants, which went into effect yesterday. "Reduction of hours of work by tens of thousands of civil servants is a luxury we cannot afford at this time," the paper says. "are paper-pushers who sit in air-conditioned offices, and not those who earn by the sweat of their brow." Production workers are not to get the extra five hours off a week. The paper, therefore, supports the Government's position that summer hours be eliminated, both because of the country's economic problems and to help equalize conditions between the services and production branches.

## The great ticket fraud

By MOSHE ADER  
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor  
WE ARE used to great frauds and waste, but petty chicanery also ought to be acknowledged, in particular when it is perpetrated by a public service, and its victims are defenceless people, including pensioners. A case in point is the story of Dan's bus ticket cards.

These cards are popular because they offer a substantial rebate. But the discount is not given for nothing. The cooperative gets the cash in advance. Punching cards is easier for the driver than issuing individual tickets. Also — for the buyer — cards involve the obvious risk of not using them up or of losing them. Now, it turns out, they involve yet another risk: of being humiliated by the cooperative.

The rest of their original outlay — without interest or linkage, of course — if they went in the cards, on the eighth floor of the Hader, Dafna Building. If some of them failed to do that, the loss was theirs — and the gain, of course, Dan's.

Now comes the waste. The card holders could have been allowed to use the money due to them to purchase new tickets. Or could have been paid in cash. But instead, they will be sent bank cheques. For every card holder a form is filled out in duplicate, including name, address and the amount due. The passenger has to surrender his half-used card, against a hand-written slip of paper, serving as a receipt.

Hundreds of card-holders, including elderly people, are filing in and out the Dan offices daily. Most of them must travel there and back by bus. The clerks are scribbling. The checks are expected to be sent after who knows how many weeks. Yet neither the public, nor the respective authorities seem to find anything wrong with this procedure.

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